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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN-NIGERIAN RELATIONS: NYERERE ANNOUNCES  
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### 1. NAMES AND PLACES

TANGOV FINALLY ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY NOV 10 THAT PRESIDENT  
NYERERE WILL PAY A FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA NOV 16-21,  
AT THE INVITATION OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE GENERAL OBASANJO.  
NYERERE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT  
IBADAN UNIVERSITY, AND TO VISIT KANO, YOLA, AND ENUGU.

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NYERERE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR CABINET MINISTERS:

FOREIGN MINISTER IBRAHIM KADUMA, MINISTER OF STATE PETER SIYOVELWA; MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SERVICE, EDWARD SOKOINE; AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL CULTURE AND YOUTH, MIRISHO SARAKIKYA. KADUMA IS SOCIALIST IDEOLOGUE; SIYOVELWA IS PRESIDENTIAL TROUBLE-SHOOTER WHO ALSO KEEPS TRACT OF SECURITY AFFAIRS; AND SARAKIKYA, IN ADDITION TO BEING CULTURAL CHIEF (AND SPORTS BUFF) ISNFORMER COMMANDER TANZANIAN ARMED FORCES.

## 2. TANZANIAN VIEWS OF NIGERIA

NYERERE LOOKS ON NIGERIA WITH MIXED FEELINGS. ON ONE HAND, HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NIGERIA IS STRONGEST BLACK AFRICAN STATE, AND THANKS TO ITS OIL THE ONLY ONE WITH SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ITS FELLOWS. SINCE OVERTHROW OF GENERAL GOWON, NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO TAKEN AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVIST AND MILITANT POSITION WITH REGARD TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTERS IN WHICH NYERERE IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED.

BUT NYERERE DOES NOT FEEL EASY WITH NIGERIA. HE DISLIKES MNLTARY GOVERNMENTS ON PRINCIPLE. THE NIGERIAN MILITARY LEADERS IMPRESS HIM AS BOTH SELF-SEEKING AND OVERLY COOPERATIVE WITH WESTERN FOREIGN INVESTMENT. NOR CAN HE FORGET WHAT HE SAW AS THE BRUTALITY OF THE FMG DURING THE BIAFRA WAG. IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT TANZANIA WAS ONE OF THE FIVE NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA. NYERERE HAD HOPED THAT GENERAL MURTEZA MIGHT BE MORE FAVORABLE TO SOCIALIST REFORM THAN HIS PREDECESSORS, BUT HE HAS NOW GONE. WHILE TANZANIA UNDOUBTEDLY WALCOMES THE INCREASED MILITANCE OF NIGERIAN PRONOUNCEMENTS, NYERERE PROBABLY FEARS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER NIGERIAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA COULD REDUCE THE LEADING ROLE WHICH HE NOW PLAYS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIVE "FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS". THE UNIQUE FMG PRESENCE AT THE GENEVA TALKS ON RHODESIA MAY TROUBLE HIM AS A HARBINGER OF THE FUTURE, IF NOT AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

## 3. PROSPECTS FOR THE VISIT

NYERERE EVIDENTLY HOPES THAT HIS VISIT WILL INCREASE TANZANIAN INFLUENCE WITH FMG LEADERSHIP WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ON CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS MIND WHEN HE RECENTLY APPOINTED HIS FORMER SPOKESMAN, BEN MKAPA AS TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LAGOS (SEE REFAIR). TO ACHIEVE THIS HE IS EVIDENTLY PUBLICLY WILLING TO SWALLOW HIW RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NIGERIAN MILITARY REGIME. BY AGREEING TO VISIT ENUGU HE IS ALSO AGREEING TO BURY MEMORIES OF THE BIAFRAN WAR. HE WILL NO DOUBT BRIEF OBASANJO ON THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS' STRATEGY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON BEHALF OF TANZANIA AND OTHER POVERTY-STRICKEN NATIONS HIT BY THE ENERGY CRISIS, MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION MAY

REQUEST NIGERIAN AID OR CONCESSIONARY ACCESS TO NIGERIAN PETROLEUM.  
TANZANIA HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY THE FAILURE OF NIGERIAN  
PROTESTATIONS OF SYMPATHY TO BE MATCHED BY CONCRETE MEASURES OF  
ASSISTANCE.

TANZANIA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES  
WITHOUT MINERAL WEALTH OR STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE. ITS IMPACT  
ON AFRICAN (OR WORLD) PROBLEMS IS DUE SOLELY TO THE SKILL AND  
ATTRACTIVENESS OF NYERERE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE  
HAS DECIDED TO EXERCISE IT PERSONALLY AT THIS TIME ON THE  
OBJECTIVELY MOST POWERFUL BLACK NATION OF ALL.  
OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAY BE ADDED TO NYERERE'S ITINERARY.

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